

THE NEW UPPER GRADES school building for the McKenzie River district, No. 68, opens Monday for the new school year. The upper photo shows an exterior view of the structure with the two 72-passenger busses used by the district parked in front. At left below, a "shot" at the gymnasium showing the stage and the use of wood finishes—knotty pine for the walls, maple for bleachers and floor. At right, a corner glimpse into the home economics department, equipped entirely with electrical conveniences. The building is for the upper six grades, including high school. The six lower grades are in the grade school building at Blue River. The upper grades building is located near Elk Creek. (Register-Guard photos, Wiltshire engravings).

### New McKenzie School Called One of State's Most Modern

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down from all four sides, and driver running along just to the side.

The T-shape building has an overall front of 258 feet. The gymnasium, heating room, and boys' manual arts shop, forming the top of the T, together measure 188 feet, and the academic wing is 112 feet long. The structure is finished in a shake exterior, painted in the gables of hand split shingles being done in chocolate brown, with the entire roof in red.

On 12 1/2 acres of the site have been cleared, a large strip between highway and building to be occupied, the section to the west of the building to be finished off for the baseball and football field measuring 350 square feet. The ball field is to be turfed this year.

**Windows Feature**  
Eight lots of it, is utilized to the maximum in the new building with interesting window arrangements. Each window measures 5 1/2 feet. Venetian blinds are used throughout. The large window back of the stage measures 12 feet in height, the stage being high enough that the adjustable blinds and lights can be arranged to provide a light room for orchestra and other musical activities to be carried on there. The stage is not in use otherwise.

rooms in the academic wing include a science department, 11 typing room, home economic department of two rooms, four classrooms, and a double arrangement of the home economics department that can allow for two more classrooms or one large one.

The academic wing can be cut

off entirely from the rest of the building when athletic events are on in the gymnasium. The entrance hall on the building is all finished in knotty pine. Natural fir wood panels the corridor down the academic wing. Each room has its own clock, controlled from the office, and each room has its loud speaking unit, also controlled from the office.

Each room is painted in a different shade of color, providing some interesting designs in the wood finishes.

**Kitchen "Perfect"**  
The home economics department would provide a dream kitchen for most homemakers. Painted entirely in ivory and cream shades, there are countless built-ins, four new electric ranges, an electric washing machine, a large refrigerator, an electric drying unit, and other electrical equipment for the girls' use. The linoleum is in subdued white and black pattern. Sliding openings enable the dishes to be passed into the adjoining cafeteria. Even the dishes to be used in the cafeteria match the ivory and beige shades of the woodwork.

Full length windows with Venetian blinds matching the colors in the room provide adequate light from the north.

On one side of the kitchen is the sewing room, equipped with large cutting tables, numerous drawers for the girls to keep their sewing, full length mirrors, four sewing machines, and a closet to hang clothes being made in the room. Just beyond the kitchen is the cafeteria, which has accordion doors at one end that can be adjusted to double the size of the room which then can be used for assembly or a large banquet.

The science room has an adjoining smaller room for storage of supplies and for use as a dark room. A chemical fumes funnel also is a feature here.

The library has many wall

shelves as well as a modernistic desk with rounded corners, reading tables, and chairs.

Just off the library is the typing room, separated from the library by large double glass win-

dows with a large area of air space between the two thicknesses of glass as a means to drown out noise from the typing.

Off one corner of the library is the book repair and storage room. The district conducts a complete

rental system, students being able to rent all their textbooks at a nominal fee.

There are very few blackboards in the class rooms, but many bulletin boards.

Down the corridor adjoining these rooms such fixtures as waste baskets are all recessed, allowing for freedom of movement in all parts of the corridor.

**Gymnasium Interesting**  
The gymnasium is one of the most interesting parts of the building, being finished with the walls in knotty pine—the boards being horizontally placed to door height; the bleachers and floors in maple. The big beams extending across the 20-foot ceiling have the knotty pine surface. The gymnasium floor is 90 by 60. The stage is at the south end of the gymnasium. The curtains are arranged from rubber wheels that roll along channel like fixtures, thus allowing them to be moved freely and without noise. The stage has a complete dimmer system, has its own footlight system, and is equipped for a microphone. Dressing rooms are off either end of the stage.

Off the west side of the gymnasium are the dressing rooms and showers for both boys and girls. There are seven showers in each unit and complete lavatory facilities. Also, there is a storage room for towels, and a drying room where uniforms and other equipment can be cared for.

The gymnasium has its own entrance from the front, and exits from the dressing departments off the west side to the athletic field.

Beneath the stage is storage space for wrestling mats and other gymnastic equipment.

The heating room is between the gymnasium and the boys' shop in the top of the T part of the building. The edifice is steam heated. Until the REA is set up in the upper McKenzie, lighting is done by a portable Diesel plant.

**Shop Convenient**  
To the boys, the work shop is as perfect as the home economics rooms are to the girls. In this unit of the building there is a small storage room to be equipped with wall racks, a drawing room, a paint room with spraying closet, a small room to store metal equipment, and the main large work room. Lighting is stressed, here, too, through large windows. The doors leading off the room to the outside are large enough to allow an automobile to drive in for the auto mechanical work. The shop has metal lathes.

In a little niche in one corner of the drawing room is the office of the instructor. Walls between all departments in the shop are separated by windows, and from his little office, with glass around three sides and an opening on the fourth, the instructor can see what

is going on in all departments.

Already, before school opens, there are 38 beginners doing orchestra practice, music to be one of the programs of work and interest for the children.

The first six grades of the former McKenzie Bridge, Blue River, and Vida districts are housed in the grade school building in Blue River, the upper six grades to use the new structure.

Thomas R. Powers, Jr., is superintendent of the No. 68 school district system. On the faculty in the new building are: Thomas F. Johnson, Jr., coach and principal; Leslie Irvin, music and social science; Mrs. Oradell Griebeler, home economics and cafeteria; Miss Janet Jack, English and girls'

physical education; Phillip McGovern, industrial arts. At the grade school are: Mrs. Pat Steele, first grade; Mrs. Hilda Buchanan, second grade; Miss Mildred Collund, third and fourth grades. SEE NEW MCKENZIE SCHOOL PAGE 9

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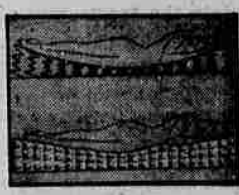
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